



Newsletter No. 934 6th December 2024

Next Week:

After School Clubs Info

Cross Country Club cancelled today – next club run is in January.

KS2 Sports Club on Monday 9th Dec is cancelled.

All other clubs (apart from Homework) finish on Friday 13th December.

Homework club will **not run** on Friday 20th Dec.

Monday 9 th	Tuesday 10 th	Wednesday 11 th	Thursday 12 th	Friday 13 th
•	•	•	• Yr 1/2: 5.45pm performance	• Yr4: 9.15am Brass Assembly • SRG Santa Run • Pre-school closing at 4.30pm.

Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance for week 25th – 29th November is **Year 5**.

Mr O'Hara will be visiting soon to pop some marbles in your jar!



Farm Rota – December and January

Over the weekends and Christmas holidays, the welfare of Polly, the guinea pigs, the chickens and goats is important and we need people to come along for an hour of a morning to visit, feed and water them all.



If you can spare an hour one morning, please put your names down on our farm rota, which can be found at:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Code: **funvw**

Thank you, it is very much appreciated.

Staff Updates

Liam, who has been our sport apprentice TA is finishing his apprenticeship this week. We wish him all the best in any new adventures.

You may have heard of Emily (Yr R and Yr 1) and Helena (Years 4 and 3), who have started this half term on their apprenticeship journeys. We pride ourselves at SRG on supporting young people into the educational profession.

A separate email was sent to Year 5 parents and carers this morning regarding Mr White, who will be recovering from a back operation in the latter half of the Christmas holidays, for possibly several weeks into the start of the spring term. We wish him the best for his preparation and subsequent recovery. We are pleased to say that Mrs Pearson is returning to cover Year 5 and the humanities and art teaching that Mr White does for other KS2 classes in the afternoons.

School Photos

The last date for ordering your child's school photo for free delivery back to school before Christmas, is Sunday 8th December.

You can order after this date, but will have to pay delivery.





Polly's Rockers School Band Entertain the Children


Mr O'Hara and the children in the Year 5 and 6 band - who have named themselves '*Polly's Rockers*' after our famous school donkey - did their first performance to all of the children on Wednesday singing a classic praise song 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands' as well as some Christmas favourites.


Many children have been inspired and are asking about drumming, guitar and singing lessons. We have all of these available - please contact the school office for details of how to book these for the spring term.


Friends of SRG Santa Run – Friday 13th Dec (not cross country club)

 £2 per person or £5 for the whole family.

 Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 MUST be accompanied by their own parent/carer to participate.

 Participant's wristband and certificate included.

 Registration and pay stations for participants will be on the small playground and in the hall. Payment via card or cash will be collected upon registration.

 Hot drinks, cakes and a raffle will also be available.

 Christmassy outfits encouraged!

Accelerated Reader

Whole school total word count: 28,666,063

Total books read: 2,874

Individual pupil average minutes per day: 33

Total Words per Class:

Year 2	417,614
Year 3	4,059,250
Year 4	6,998,091
Year 5	4,976,163
Year 6	12,214,945

Good Progress:

Year 2	Amelia D, Emilia P
Year 3	Beauden S, Aiden D
Year 4	Sam R, Henry T
Year 5	Tommy C, Elodie C
Year 6	Anna G, Kristina P

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Christmas Performances

To book tickets for your children's Christmas performances, please click on the link to the google forms below the relevant year groups.

Because of fire regulations, we have to limit evening performances to two tickets per child. If we have space for more, we will contact the parents of those year groups directly.

Year R: Mon 16 Dec 5.45pm
 Tue 17 Dec 9.15am

<https://forms.gle/mmEzN3D77JSvwSRu7>

Years 1/2: Thu 12 Dec 5.45pm
 Mon 16 Dec 9.15am

<https://forms.gle/XA6BtiNcyq2UWRoc7>

Years 3/4: Tue 17 Dec 5.45am
 Wed 18 Dec 9.15pm

<https://forms.gle/RdAbtsjjiKi2MD6Vq6>

Years 5/6: Wed 18 Dec 5.45pm
 Thu 19 Dec 9.15am

<https://forms.gle/neDgWbdozSmDcDzF9>

Theatre Trips

Years 1/2: Tuesday 17th December
 The Elf Who Stole Christmas

Years 3-6: Wednesday 8th January
 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Santa Run

Friday 13th December at 3.30pm

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Have Christmas lunch (or bring in a packed lunch) on Wednesday 18th December. Wear your Christmas jumper (with your school uniform) on this day.

Santa's Grotto and Class Parties

Thursday 19th December – more information will be shared with you via Google Classrooms.

Christingle

Friday 20th December

KS1 9.15am – school hall

KS2 1.30pm – St Michael's Church

Trim Trail Refurbishment

Children from the School Council in Years 1-6 met with Mr O'Hara on Monday to look at plans for improvements to their trim trail - the play equipment around the edge of our field that they get such great pleasure from using year-round. They helped to decide where some of the new equipment was going and made some great practical suggestions for when and how the work should be done.

All of the funds to complete this have been raised by the events that the Friends

Committee have organised over the last few years, so thank you to all of the SRG families who support our events and give so generously.



Sports Update

Heartbreak for boys as we miss out by a whisker

Last Friday the Year 5/6 boys football team competed in the county finals after a nervous penalty shootout took them through from the regional qualifiers.

Knowing that only first place would be enough to take them to Bristol, the boys played 5 matches against high quality opposition. After four games, SRG had won two, drawn two, not conceded a shot let alone a goal and were dreaming of a southern final. They then came up against Archbishop Benson who had also matched the SRG results so it was straight shoot out...

After two tantalising halves of football, the game finished 0-0 with both teams unsure of who had gone through. After deliberation from the ref and organisers the results were offered.

Both teams had 9 points from their games, both teams had drawn in their head-to-head and both teams had the same goal difference - something unheard of in previous years. It was then down to goals scored and sadly, SRG were pipped by just one goal; a real kick in the teeth as SRG had not conceded a goal in the entire tournament.

Both Mr W and Mr A were incredibly proud of the boys and girls who both managed to qualify for the county finals. Being 5th and 2nd best teams in the county is something to be proud of.

Girls football update

Over the past week the girls team have played two matches.

First up were Burraton in our first league game. We played well in patches but in truth we weren't at our best, particularly in front of goal. Eliza made a couple of good stops in the first half including a stunning save when she managed to push a goal-bound shot onto the crossbar with her fingertips. Millie had our best chance, but despite dominating possession in the second half the game ended goalless. Only my second ever 0:0 draw in a full match in 33 years as a school football coach!

Last night we played the first round of the Chloe Williams Shield and were drawn against last year's winners Carbeile. This was a dominant display from the SRG girls and Maddie and Emily stopped virtually everything that came their way, leaving Eliza in the SRG a virtual spectator for the first half.

We created a hat full of chances in the opening five minutes but shot wide, or directly at the Carbeile goalkeeper (who also plays in goal for Plymouth Argyle). Millie broke the deadlock with a well taken goal and this threatened to open the floodgates. We scored two further goals in the dying embers of the first half with Grace and Millie ensuring a comfortable half ended SRG 3 Carbeile 0.

Eliza had to be at her best to deny the Carbeile striker early in the second half. But our dominance was rewarded with five further goals in the half. Millie scored two more goals, Grace added her second goal and Anna and Lowenna completed the scoring. In truth, we should have scored more goals, but we have to be happy with the result and performance. On to the next round!

Awards

Academic Achievement	Bethy Y
Be the Best I Can	Tom Y
Caring for Others	Zofia W
Courtesy	Norah C
Creativity	Theo S
Demonstrating Values	Henry M
Drama	William S Henry T
Effort	Elizabeth A-S
Enthusiasm	Anna G
Excellence	Bodhi M Charlie D Idrice C
Good Learning	Trystan O
Handwriting	William Ft
Helpfulness	Millie B
Improved Presentation	Alba W-P
Kindness	Emily E Emily F
Learning	Zoe D
Maths	Kristina P Imogen Pa Sienna F Juno S
Music	Joseph P
Perseverance	Rosie H
Phonics	Lauren G Alfie Y
Positive Attitude	Archie G Ava W
Progress	Harriet H Chloe B
Reading	Austin L Leo F
Resilience	George R
Role Model	Imogen Pe Amber P
Star of the Week	Otto G Poppy H
Teamwork	Teddy S-J
Thinking	Imogen B
Piano	William G
Singing	Evie G

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16 Dec	Yr 1/2: Christmas perf 9.15am Yr 6: SATs info meeting 3.30pm Yr R: Christmas perf 5.45pm
Tue 17 Dec	Yr R: Christmas perf 9.15am Yr 1/2: Soapbox theatre trip Yr 3/4: Christmas perf 5.45pm
Wed 18 Dec	Yr 3/4: Christmas perf 9.15am Christmas Lunch & jumper day Yr 5/6: Christmas perf 5.45pm
Thu 19 Dec	Yr 5/6: Christmas perf 9.15am Santa's Grotto & Class Parties
Fri 20 Dec	Christingle KS1: 9.15am – school hall KS2: 1.30pm – St Michael's Church School closing at 3.30pm Pre-School closing at 4.30pm
<i>23Dec – 5Jan</i>	<i>Christmas Holidays</i>
<i>Mon 6 Jan</i>	<i>Inset Day</i>
Tue 7 Jan	Back to School
Mon 13 Jan	Yr R: Vision Screening
Wed 15 Jan	Last date for Rec 2025 admissions
Fri 17 Jan	Yrs R & 6: Weigh & Measure League Run 3
3-9 Feb	Mental Health Week
Tue 4 Feb	Cake Sale
Fri 7 Feb	League Run 4
3-14 Feb	Yr 3: Residential
Fri 14 Feb	Pre-School closing at 4.30pm
<i>17-21 Feb</i>	<i>Half Term</i>
3-14 Mar	Yr 3: Daily swimming lessons
Tue 4 Mar	Cake Sale
Fri 7 Mar	League Run 5
Fri 21 Mar	Landrake Run
Tue 1 Apr	Cake Sale
Fri 4 Apr	Pre-School closing at 4.30pm
<i>7 – 21 Apr</i>	<i>Easter Holidays</i>
<i>Tue 22 Apr</i>	<i>Inset Day</i>
Wed 23 Apr	Back to School
<i>Mon 5 May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
12-16 May	SATs Week
7-9 May	Yr 5: Residential
8-9 May	Yr 4: Residential
19-23 May	Yr 6: London
Fri 23 May	Pre-School closing at 4.30pm
<i>26-30 May</i>	<i>Half Term</i>
Tue 3 Jun	Cake Sale
<i>Fri 6 Jun</i>	<i>Inset Day</i>
Wed 11 Jun	Sports Day
Tue 1 Jul	Cake Sale
Fri 18 Jul	Speech Day
Tue 22 Jul	Pre-School closing at 4.30pm
<i>Wed 23 Jul</i>	<i>Inset Day</i>
<i>Thu 24 Jul</i>	<i>Summer Holidays</i>